

## C L A I M S

What is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A method of distributing sample quantities of paint comprising the steps of:
  - a) filling paint sample bottles with a selected quantity of a tinting base;
  - b) removably attaching a paint applicator head across an outlet of each of said bottles; said paint applicator head including an applicator base and a paint applicator, said paint applicator mounted on said applicator base on a side opposite said outlet of said bottle, said applicator having an opening extending therethrough in communication with said paint applicator;
  - c) removably positioning a sealing member between each of said bottles and said applicator heads to extend across said outlet of each of said bottles
  - d) supplying a paint retailer with a quantity of said bottles filled with the selected quantity of tinting base each having a paint applicator head and a sealing member attached thereto.
2. The method as in Claim 1 wherein the step of filling said bottles with said tinting base comprises filling said bottles with approximately eight ounces of said tinting base.

3. The method as in Claim 1 wherein said paint applicator comprises a sponge pad.
4. The method as in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
  - a) removing said paint applicator head from a selected bottle and adding one or more colorants to said tinting base in said selected bottle to produce a sample of paint of a color selected by a consumer; and
  - b) reattaching said paint applicator head to said selected bottle with said sealing member extending across said bottle outlet.
5. The method as in Claim 4 further comprising the steps of:
  - a) removing said applicator head from said selected bottle;
  - b) removing said sealing member from across said bottle outlet;
  - c) reattaching said applicator head to said selected bottle;
  - d) squeezing said bottle to urge a portion of said sample of paint through said bottle outlet and said opening in said applicator base and into said applicator; and
  - e) applying said sample of paint to a surface to be painted with said applicator.

6. A method of distributing sample quantities of paint comprising the steps of:
- a) filling paint sample bottles with a selected quantity of a tinting base;
  - b) removably attaching a paint applicator head to a neck of each of said bottles; said paint applicator head including an applicator base, a paint applicator and a sealing member, said applicator base including a headwall with a receiver formed on a first side for connecting to said neck on said bottle, said paint applicator mounted on said base on a side of said headwall opposite said receiver and said headwall having an opening extending therethrough in communication with said receiver and said paint applicator; said removable seal being positioned within said receiver in covering relationship with said opening in said headwall such that when said applicator head is removably attached to said bottle said sealing member is positioned between said bottle neck and said headwall of said paint applicator head;
  - c) supplying to a paint retailer a quantity of said bottles filled with the selected quantity of tinting base and having paint applicator heads attached thereto.

7. The method as in Claim 6 wherein the step of filling said bottles with said tinting base comprises filling said bottles with approximately eight ounces of said tinting base.
8. The method as in Claim 6 wherein said paint applicator comprises a sponge pad.
9. The method as in Claim 6 further comprising the steps of:
  - a) removing said paint applicator head from a selected bottle and adding one or more colorants to said tinting base in said selected bottle to produce a sample of paint of a color selected by a consumer; and
  - b) reattaching said paint applicator head to said selected bottle with said sealing member positioned between said bottle neck and said headwall of said paint applicator base.
10. The method as in Claim 6 further comprising the steps of:
  - a) removing said applicator head from said selected bottle;
  - b) removing said sealing member from between said bottle neck and said headwall of said paint applicator base;
  - c) reattaching said applicator head to said selected bottle;

- d) squeezing said bottle to urge a portion of said sample of paint through said bottle neck and said opening in said headwall and into said applicator; and
- e) applying said sample of paint to a surface to be painted with said applicator.

11. A method of distributing sample quantities of paint comprising the steps of:
- a) filling paint sample bottles with a selected quantity of a tinting base;
  - b) removably attaching a paint applicator head across an outlet of each of said bottles; said paint applicator head including an applicator base and a paint applicator, said paint applicator mounted on said applicator base on a side opposite said outlet of said bottle, said applicator having an opening extending therethrough in communication with said paint applicator;
  - c) removably positioning a sealing member between each of said bottles and said applicator heads to extend across said outlet of each of said bottles;
  - d) supplying a paint retailer with a quantity of said bottles filled with the selected quantity of tinting base each having a paint applicator head and a sealing member attached thereto;
  - e) coloring said tinting base to a color selected by a consumer by removing said paint applicator head from a selected bottle and adding one or more colorants to said tinting base in said selected bottle to produce paint of the color selected by the consumer;
  - f) reattaching said paint applicator head to said selected bottle with said sealing member extending across said bottle outlet and between said bottle and said applicator head;

- g) removing said sealing member from between said bottle and said applicator head prior to applying the paint of the color selected by the consumer to a surface.
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- 12. The method as in Claim 11 wherein the step of filling said bottles with said tinting base comprises filling said bottles with approximately eight ounces of said tinting base.
  - 13. The method as in Claim 11 wherein said paint applicator comprises a sponge pad.
  - 14. A method of distributing sample quantities of paint comprising the steps of:
    - a) filling paint sample bottles with a selected quantity of a tinting base;
    - b) removably attaching a paint applicator head across an outlet of each of said bottles; said paint applicator head including an applicator base and a paint applicator, said paint applicator mounted on said applicator base on a side opposite said outlet of said bottle, said applicator having an opening extending therethrough in communication with said paint applicator;

- c) removably positioning a sealing member between each of said bottles and said applicator heads to extend across said outlet of each of said bottles;
- d) supplying a paint retailer with a quantity of said bottles filled with the selected quantity of tinting base each having a paint applicator head and a sealing member attached thereto;
- e) instructing the paint retailer to color said tinting base to a color selected by a consumer by removing said paint applicator head from a selected bottle and adding one or more colorants to said tinting base in said selected bottle to produce paint of the color selected by the consumer; and instructing the paint retailer to then reattach said paint applicator head to said selected bottle with said sealing member extending across said bottle outlet and between said bottle and said applicator head; and
- g) instructing said consumer to remove said sealing member from between said bottle and said applicator head prior to applying the paint of the color selected to a surface.

15. The method as in Claim 14 wherein the step of filling said bottles with said tinting base comprises filling said bottles with approximately eight ounces of said tinting base.



16. The method as in Claim 14 wherein said paint applicator comprises a sponge pad.